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Commissioner Fleming-

I would like to encourage the commission to change the law to allow UBER to operate in South Carolina.

I have used UBER in over four different states and two countries in Europe. I have never had a bad experience with their services and I personally feel a lot safer in an UBER than a normal taxi. The drivers, who have already been approved by UBER Corporate, call you when they are nearby so that you are not waiting on the curb which is comforting especially as a female out late at night. The App on my phone shows me the drivers picture, model and color of the car, and the license plate number - all of which assure me I'm getting into the correct vehicle. And the fact that no cash exchanges hands also adds to the comfort that I will be able to get home safely.

As a college student I have heard on many occasions of my friends using UBER to go downtown choosing the safe option and eliminating the danger of drunk driving. It also is very useful when going to an event in downtown Greenville such as Fall for Greenville, a concert at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena, or a play at the Peace Center when parking may be more difficult.

South Carolina prides itself on attracting high technology businesses to the state. It would be a mistake not to include UBER in the mix.

Catherine Badalamenti